(b) if so, for which purpose the Gamma Knife would be used; and

(c) when it would be available at NIMHANS, Bangalore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM) : (a) to (c) Government had received a proposal from NIMHANS, Bangalore for procurement of Gamma Knife with financial assistance from Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA). Gamma Knife is a new innovation useful in Neurosurgery for treating tumours and vascular malformations without the need for open surgery and the related complications thereon. However, SIDA have declined to provide any funds for procurement of Gamma Knife by NIMHANS as they are providing funds only for the ongoing projects and not for any new projects.

PG Courses in Homoeopathic Medicine

4328. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Delhi Government propose to introduce Post-Graduate courses in Homoeopathic medicine during current academic year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with criteria of admission to be adopted including duration and scheme of courses to be prescribed;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to ask other States and Union Territories to take similar action; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM) : (a) Delhi Government has informed that there is a plan scheme to introduce PG Course in Homoeopathy during 9th Five Year Plan, but not necessarily in the current financial year.

(b) As per the Homoeopathy (Post Graduate Degree Course), Regulations, 1989, the duration of the PG Course is three years and the subjects of the speciality are Homoeopathic Philosophy, Materia Medica and Repertory.

(c) and (d) The State Governments and Union Territories are required to take the initiative for starting Post Graduate Courses according to the requirements set out by the Central Council of Homoeopathy.